GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY ON DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy on the diesel supplied to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : The prices of diesel are uniform for different sections of society throughout the country and no subsidy on diesel is provided for from the union budget.

As regards subsidy to farmers using diesel pumps, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DOAC) have a capital subsidy scheme to provide subsidies to small and marginal farmers for the procurement of pump sets. Under the scheme, a capital subsidy on the purchase of pump sets is provided.